

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Wealthy Desai et al.

Confirmation No.: 4469

Serial No.: 10/617,959

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: July 11, 2003

Group Art Unit: 3629

For: METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

Sir:

As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of July 11, 2003, rather than July 14, 2003, for the above-identified patent application, as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of July 11, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

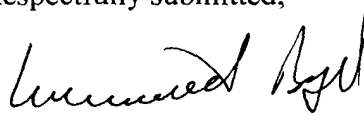
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2. A "Track & Confirm" printout from the United States Postal Service ("USPS") website, showing the "acceptance" or deposit date with the USPS as 5:48 p.m. on July 11, 2003; and
3. True and accurate copies of our return post card and of the official filing receipt for this application, sent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), showing that Applicant was improperly given the filing date of July 14, 2003, instead of the Express Mail date of July 11, 2003.

This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of July 11, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR §1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is Applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☒ a patent application
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☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____; filed _____.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier: **Wealthy Desai**

Entitled: **METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR
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Enclosed are:

1. ☒ Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2. ☒ 26 pages of Specification (including 61 claims)
3. ☒ 9 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
 - a. ☒ newly executed (*original or copy*)
 - b. ☐ copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below])
 - c. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
7. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8. ☒ Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)

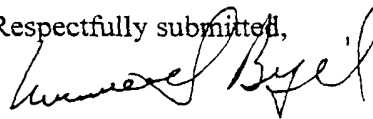
9. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
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Respectfully submitted,



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Respectfully submitted,
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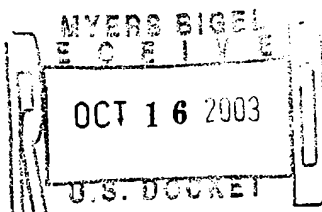


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